

COMMON COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
OCTOBER 21, 2008

Mayor Armstrong called a regular meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.

I. Meeting Called to Order

- A. Opening Prayer was given by Mark Teike with St. Peter's Lutheran Church.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Armstrong.
- C. Roll Call was taken. Jesse Brand, Ann DeVore, George Dutro, James Lienhoop, Martha Myers, Joseph Richardson and Priscilla Scalf were present.
- D. Acceptance of Minutes: Martha Myers moved to approve the minutes from the October 7, 2008 Council meeting. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

Two scouts from Troop 506 stood up and introduced themselves. They were in attendance at the meeting in order to get their citizenship badge.

II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action

- A. Second reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO.____, 2008, AN ORDINANCE VACATING PUBLIC RIGHT-Of-WAY." (Cummins Engine Alley) Jeff Bergman, Planning Director, indicated he had been in correspondence with representatives from Cummins, Inc. and there were still issues yet to be resolved. Cummins, Inc. wished this Item A. and Item. B to be continued. George Dutro moved to continue this item. Jesse Brand seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.
- B. Second reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO.35, 2008, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, REZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM "RE" (ESTABLISHED RESIDENTIAL) TO "CO" (PROFESSIONAL OFFICE COMMERCIAL)." (Cummins Engine) Jeff Bergman - This item was discussed under Item A. and was asked to be continued. George Dutro moved to continue this item. Jesse Brand seconded this motion. Motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.
- C. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO.36, 2008, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE USE OF AND SERVICES RENDERED BY THE WATER WORKS SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH." Keith Reeves, City Utilities Director, along with Terry Coriden, attorney for City Utilities, presented this second reading of the Ordinance. Keith gave a brief recap of why this Ordinance is necessary. Brief discussion followed. Martha Myers moved to approve the Ordinance. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.
- D. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO.36, 2008, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA TO MAKE TAXABLE TEMPORARY LOANS TO MEET CURRENT RUNNING EXPENSES FOR THE USE OF THE GENERAL FUND AND THE PARK FUND." Brenda Sullivan, City Clerk-Treasurer, presented this Ordinance. She recapped the need for the temporary loan

and informed Council the money would be wired to the city's bank account on Thursday, October 23, 2008. Brief discussion followed. Ann DeVore moved to approve the Ordinance. Priscilla Scalf seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

- E. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO.37, 2008, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A FEE FOR VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER INSPECTION BY CITY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS." Officer Steve Norman presented this Ordinance. He briefly spoke on the \$5.00 fee that the police would receive for VIN checks. Jesse Brand moved to approve the Ordinance. Martha Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

II. New Business Requiring Council Action

- E. First Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO.____, 2008, AN ORDINANCE VACATING RIGHT-OF-WAY." (6th Street Baptist Church) Jeff Bergman, Planning Director, presented this Ordinance. He indicated that on September 11, 2008 the Plat Committee reviewed this application and forwarded to City Council for consideration. The 6th Street General Baptist Church is located at 2102 6th Street (the northeast corner of 6th Street and north-south alley that runs between 6th and 7th Streets). The church is proposing to repair the flood-damaged house on the opposite side of the alley and use the structure as a fellowship hall. In the past the church had constructed parking spaces on this property. The alley separates the church from the proposed fellowship hall. The situation affects how parking for the fellowship hall may be regulated. The Platt Committee indicated the City policy did not support the vacation of just one-half of this alley. Jeff showed a project summary of the property. Members of the church were present to answer any questions. Much discussion followed. Martha Myers moved to deny the Ordinance. George Dutro seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Martha Myers, George Dutro, James Lienhoop and Joseph Richardson all voted yes to deny the Ordinance. Jesse Brand, Ann DeVore and Priscilla Scalf voted no. Motion to deny Ordinance passed by a vote of 4 to 3.

IV. Other Business

- A. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports.
- B. Next Regular Scheduled Meeting will be **Wednesday, November 5,** 2008 at 6:00 P.M. and following that date November 12, 2008 at 8:00 A.M. and November 25, 2008 at 6:00 P.M.
- C. Adjournment: Joseph Richardson moved to adjourn the meeting. James Lienhoop seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0. The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:45 P.M.

Presiding Officer of Common Council

Attest:

Columbus City Clerk Treasurer